

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the paragraph on page 14, lines 12-31 as follows:

FIG. 15A illustrates a stent 20m in which the cells 22m are essentially the same as the cell 22i in FIG. 13, except that each strut 24m, 30m, 36m and 42m has less curvature. In fact, each strut 24m, 30m, 36m and 42m has one internal point of inflection 64m and one external point of inflection 62m. Otherwise, the elements of the cell 22m in FIG. 15 that are the same as the elements of the cell 22i in FIG. 13 are provided with the same numeral designations except that an "m" has been added to the numeral designations in FIG. 15. Similar to FIG. 2A, the pattern of cells 22m can define a second pattern of cells 22y that have about the same configuration as the cells 22m, but reversed about a horizontal axis defined by the apices 48m and 50m. Thus, the cells 22m in one row define a first longitudinal row of cells 22m and the cells 22y in an adjacent row define a second adjacent longitudinal row of cells 22y, with the cells 22m oriented differently from the cells 22y. Like the cells 22m, these second cells 22y are also arranged to form rows and columns of cells 22y. Each of the second cells 22y is defined by a separate strut from four separate cells 22m. FIG. 15B illustrates the stent 20m in the compressed state. One difference between the cell 22m and the other cells 22 herein is that the apex 54m in each cell 22m is inverted internally into the cell 22m, as opposed to extending externally from the cell 22m. The apex 54m is a bottom bend.

Please add the following paragraph on page 14, line 32:

In addition, as best shown in FIG. 15A, each cell 22m has exactly twelve points of inflection (i.e., bends) and is non-symmetrical about the longitudinal axis. Specifically, the twelve bends are counted as follows: each of the four struts 24m, 30m, 36m, 42m has two bends 62m and 64m (for a total of eight bends), and each cell 22m also has four apices (i.e., where each strut connects another strut), each of which is also a bend, for a total of twelve bends. As best shown in FIG. 15A, three of the apices (i.e., between struts 24m and 30m, between struts 36m and 42m, and between struts 24m and 36m) define an internal angle that is less than ninety degrees (i.e., acute angles).